

CLAIMS

1. A tracheostomy device characterized by its attractive aesthetic appearance and low profile adapted to be mounted on a tracheostomy pipe outer end, in combination, a low profile housing mounted upon the pipe outer end having an inlet port in communication with a check valve, a check valve and an outlet port in communication with said check valve and the pipe outer end, and a decorative cover mounted upon the housing substantially enclosing said housing and giving said housing the appearance of neck jewelry.

2. A tracheostomy device as in claim 1, said housing being removably attached to the pipe outer end.

3. A tracheostomy device as in claim 1, said housing having an outer threaded periphery, said decorative cover being threaded upon said housing threaded periphery.

4. A tracheostomy device as in claim 1, said check valve comprising a substantially flat flexible element.

5. A tracheostomy device as in claim 4, said check valve comprising a substantially flat flap flexible element hinged to said housing.

6. A tracheostomy device as in claim 4, said housing having a central axis, said check valve element having an axis parallel to said housing central axis and offset with respect thereto.



